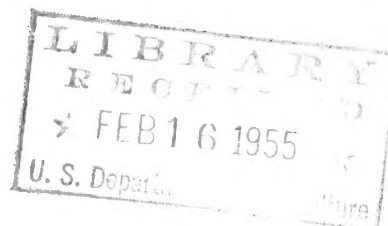


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THE WAYSIDE GLADIOLUS GARDEN
ELLA W. WRIGHT, PROP.
CANTON, MAINE



GREETINGS:

A GLAD and prosperous New Year to all our friends and customers, new and old.

Every farmer and gardener in Maine surely knows what an awful season the summer of 1954 was! With many it ranked as a major disaster. I, for one, would like to forget it, as I have the flood of 1936. It is just a bad dream I had. Suffice it to say that spring was so delayed by cold and rains that our blooming season was about two weeks late. When it did arrive our glads were grand. Most of them seemed to respond to the extra moisture. Of course we didn't have to use our irrigation system at all, except to put on Ra-Pid-Gro. Carol and Edna were most unwelcome visitors. After the damage done by them and the never-ending rains that followed, we felt that we were doomed. However we did get our bulbs harvested in good shape, and have a nice clean lot of bulbs to sell, and I hope plenty in large sizes.

I can't resist telling you about some of the new varieties we tried this year. There were the usual disappointments, of course, but those we'll try again before deciding they are worthy or unworthy to put on our list. PINK DIAMOND, I believe, was the most beautiful thing in our garden. It is a soft pastel pink, tall and heavily ruffled. Julia Mae, very much like Pink Diamond in color, was a close runner-up. Both were much better than C.D. Fortnam which was not up to its usual quality this year. Everyone who saw RUFFLED EBONY oh-d and ah-d over it. It is a silky black with deep wine throat, not so large as Ace of Spades or Black Cherry, but such beautiful ruffling! FIRE OPAL tops the orange class. The older Circe and Boccherini were nice, but they don't have the fire and life that Fire Opal has. If you like the odd ones, COPPER LUSTRE is it. It is an unusual color, hard to describe, sort of rose and brown, intensely ruffled and velvety. BURMA ROSE is another Burma in everything but color, which is much like that of Miss Wisconsin. GOLD BOND, a clear rich yellow, was fine. Flower heads longer than Gold but not so deep a yellow. Gold is still my favorite of the yellows. Two new white ones vied for first place in that class. They were SNOWDRIFT and WHITE EXCELSIOR. MOTHER FISCHER isn't out of the race with the newer ones, however.

We had many visitors to our garden last summer in spite of the weather. In fact one lady came on a rainy day equipped with rubber boots. We are always glad to meet our customers and talk "Glads", and especially if we can be of help.

AFRICAN VIOLETS

Our venture into African Violets has proved highly successful for a beginning. You might be interested to know that we are raising them under fluorescent lights. Due to lack of room, our violet project will continue to be a sideline only. (If I could only have a small greenhouse and raise all I want to!) We have quite a selection of new varieties that I hope will be large enough for sales this summer. Have one of the new double pinks on order, but won't have any of them for sale this year. If you are an African Violet fan, be sure to come to see me and we'll have a "Violet Talk".

GIFT SHOP

We had a fairly successful season with our GIFT SHOP in spite of the scarcity of "summer people" traveling around. Hope to do better this year. We need some new handmade items for our shop, so, if you

have some specialty in handcraft that you would like to sell, we should be very glad to put them in on consignment, and will do our best to sell them for you.

BE SURE TO READ THIS BEFORE MAKING OUT YOUR ORDER.

SAVE MONEY BY ORDERING BEFORE MARCH 15. On bulb orders of \$5.00 or more from this list received before March 15, 1955, and accompanied by CASH IN FULL, you may select extra bulbs of your own choice to the amount of 10% of your order. If you prefer to leave the selection of extras to me I will do my best to please you. Don't forget to order before March 15, and send CASH WITH ORDER if you wish to earn the extra 10%. This does not apply to Collections. Extras on Collections will be in overcount.

TRANSPORTATION

We pay postage on all orders from this list amounting to \$3.00 or over, except Collections. On orders less than \$3.00 add 35¢ for postage. On orders for Collections allow postage for 8 lb. per 100 bulbs, large size, and 4 lb. for medium size. It is cheaper for you to have them sent Parcel Post than by Express. Orders will be acknowledged by postcard as soon as possible after receipt. Keep a copy of your order. Please select a second choice if you are willing for us to substitute. Do not split quantities as listed. Where a variety is listed at 2 for 25¢ do not order one at half price.

Bulbs in this list are large size (1½" and up) unless otherwise stated. All stock is certified by the State of Maine Department of Agriculture to be apparently free from injurious insects and disease. It is our intention to send out only clean, healthy bulbs, true to name. If bulbs are not satisfactory upon receipt, please return them and we will gladly refund purchase price. We cannot guarantee results, however, as planting and growing conditions are beyond our control. We are always glad to help you with any culture problems you may have. A culture leaflet will be included in each order.

If you saw varieties in our garden last summer that interested you and we have not listed them, feel free to write us about them. We may have them but probably not in sufficient quantity to warrant our listing them.

Bulbs will be shipped after danger of freezing is over, usually early in April, unless otherwise requested.

IF YOU LIVE IN THE STATE OF MAINE ADD 2% SALES TAX.

HAVE YOU INCLUDED POSTAGE IF YOUR ORDER WAS LESS THAN \$3.00 or IF YOU ORDERED A COLLECTION?

RA-PID-GRO, SPERGON, BLACK MAGIC

For the convenience of our customers we carry the following and will ship at the following prices if included in your bulb order.

Ra-Pid-Gro 2oz. 25¢, 8oz. 69¢, 1 lb. \$1.25, 2 lb. \$2.35

Spergon Gladiolus Dust(a fungicide to use at cleaning time)

2 oz. pkg. 35¢, 1 lb. \$1.75

Black Magic, African Violet Potting Mixture. 8 oz. pkg. 49¢

We think this is superior to other potting soils we have used. It can be used also for starting leaves.

RETAIL PRICE LIST 1955

	Med. size	L. size
ACE OF SPADES, Black red with velvety sheen.		\$.50
ARISTOCRAT, Wine red with lighter edge. Large.		2- .30
ASTRID, Clear ruffled rose.		2- .25
AUREOLE, Richly ruffled yellow. Heavy substance.	3- .25	2- .25
BEAUTY'S BLUSH, Soft blushing pink.		2- .25
BELLE JAUNE, Very early clear yellow.	3- .25	2- .25
BETTY DUNCAN, Ruffled orange, clear golden throat.		2- .25
BILL BOTH, Smoky shade with bright red blotch.		2- .25
BIRCH RED, Fine pure medium red.	3- .25	
BLACK CHERRY, One of the best black reds.		.35
BLACK OPAL, Standard black red. Many open.	3- .25	
BLACK PHANTOM, Popular black red with brownish cast.	3- .25	2- .25
BOCCHERINI, Clear deep orange with cream throat.		2- .25
BOISE BELLE, Heavily ruffled salmon with yellow throat.		2- .35
BOLDFACE, Large deep salmon with red blotch on white.		2- .35
BOULOGNE, Deep wine red.		2- .25
BRIDAL ORCHID, Popular light lavender.		2- .35
BUCKEYE BRONZE, Ruffled rusty bronze.		2- .25
BURMA, Large intensely ruffled velvety rose-red.		2- .25
BURMA ROSE, Lighter rose sport of Burma.		1.00
CARNIVAL, Large white throated scarlet.		2- .35
CATHERINE BEATH, Deep yellow. Many open.		.50
CHINOOK, Enormous clear rich salmon.		.40
CHOCTAW, Light chocolate with orange red blotch.		2- .25
CIRCE, Deep orange with red blotch.		.25
CITATION, Very tall pink with white throat.		.25
C.D. FORTNAM, Beautiful ruffled blush pink.		.25
COPPER LUSTRE, Ruffled brown and rose smoky.		.75
CORAL ACE, Large waxy glowing coral pink.		.50
CORONA, Large creamy white with pink edge. Stock limited.		2- .25
COTILLION, Deep pink with creamy throat.		2- .25
CREAM ORCHIDS, Ruffled and lacinated deep cream.		.25
CRIMSON TIDE, Ruffled crimson, white throat. Heavy substance.		2- .35
CRYSTAL ORCHID, Ruffled creamy white, lavender feather.		.20
DARK DAVID, Large glossy dark red.		.25
DEE TWELVE, Tall clear medium red.		2- .25
DIEPPE, Heavily ruffled salmon scarlet.		2- .25
DEBORAH SAMPSON, Delicate pink and buff.	3- .25	
DOLLY VARDEN, Deep salmon pink with cream throat.		.25
EDGEWOOD, Tall ruffled and needle-pointed rose.		1.00
ELIZABETH THE QUEEN, Beautiful ruffled lavender.		2- .25
EMPIRE STATE, Ruffled pure white.		2- .25
ELMER'S ROSE, Intensely ruffled rose.		.25
EVANGELINE, Large ruffled light rose pink.		2- .25
FALCON, Ruffled light lavender. Resembles an orchid.		.25
FIREBRAND, Glistening blood red. Many open.		2- .25
FIRE OPAL, Deep fiery orange with golden throat.		1.00
FLAME GIRL, Large brilliant scarlet.		.30
FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, Finest white in lower price group.		2- .25
FORSYTHIA, Fine ruffled fluted yellow.		.50
FRIENDSHIP, Early ruffled pink, white throat.		2- .25
GIANT CYCLAMEN, Huge rose. Good grower.		2- .25
GLAD TIDINGS, Beautiful clear cerise rose.		1.00
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GOLD BOND, Rich ruffled canary yellow.	\$1.00
HARRISBURGER, Tall clear deep cherry red.	1.00
HARRY HOPKINS, Deep rose red.	2- .25
HEART'S DESIRE, Heavily ruffled creamy pink.	2- .30
HEIRLOOM, Beautiful clear rosy lavender.	1.00
HIGH LIFE, Nice light blue.	2- .25
HILLCREST, Rosy pink with deeper rose markings.	2- .25
HUNTRESS, Nice early lavender. Many open.	2- .25
JULIA MAE, Tall light rose pink. Very fine.	.50
KAREN, Clear medium magenta, yellow throat.	1.00
KING KLICK, Tall bright red.	3- .25
KING DAVID, Gorgeous deep purple, silvery edge.	.25
LADY JANE, Deep cream with yellow lip.	2- .25
LEADING LADY, Large cream sport of Picardy.	2- .25
LEIF ERICSON, Healthy large cream. One of the best.	.20
LEAH GORHAM, Tall light red with white throat.	.25
LODESTAR, Clear early yellow.	2- .35
MAGNET, Tall lavender rose.	2- .30
MANCHU, Tall vivid yellow streaked with red.	2- .25
MAPLE LEAF, Huge early smoky.	2- .30
MESA MIST, Beautiful soft gray.	.60
MAUREEN GARDNER, Huge whit tinted with lavender.	2- .25
MIGHTY MONARCH, Velvety deep red. Strong grower.	2- .25
MISTY DAWN, Soft smoky rose.	2- .25
MODERN TIMES, Light wine rose with white line.	2- .25
MONTPELIER, Nice clear pink. Consistent grower.	2- .25
MOTHER FISCHER, Tall ruffled white. Very fine.	.25
MOTHER MACHREE, Old lady of the Glad World. We have only a few.	2- .25
OGARITA, Huge deep salmon pink.	2- .25
ORANGE GOLD, Deep orange and gold. Husky grower.	2- .25
PACTOLUS, Apricot with orange red blotch. Showy.	2- .25
PAISLEY, Mauve lavender with deeper blotch on cream throat.	1.00
PANDORA, Soft pink. Many open.	2- .25
PARADE, Very early deep lavender.	.30
PARTHIENA, Large deep lavender.	2- .25
PATRICIAN, Good medium lavender.	2- .25
PAUL RUBENS, Large royal purple.	2- .25
PATROL, Apricot with yellow throat.	2- .30
PHANTOM BEAUTY, Clear light pink. Many open.	2- .25
PICARDY, Tall salmon pink.	2- .25
PINK CHARM, Nice early watermelon pink.	2- .25
PINK DIAMOND, Best light pink in our garden.	1.00
POINCIANA, Rosy red with white spear in throat.	2- .25
POINSETTIA, Clear flaming scarlet red.	.25
POLYNESIA, Nice early salmon with yellow throat.	2- .25
PRINCESS, Bright rosy lavender. Very fine.	1.00
PROSPECTOR, Light yellow with amber lip. Strong grower.	1.00
RAVEL, Violet blue with reddish markings.	2- .25
RED CHARM, One of the best medium reds.	2- .25
RED CHERRY, Early light red.	2- .25
REDOWA, Tall medium red, darker in the throat.	2- .25
RED PENNY, Early very light orange-red.	2- .25
RED VELVET, Just what its name implies.	.25
RED WING, Rich vibrant red.	2- .30
REGAL RED, Tall late red with white spear in throat.	2- .25
ROBERT ALAN, Early clear golden yellow.	.25

ROSARIO, Deep rose with rose red blotch.		\$.75
ROSA VAN LIMA, Early rose pink with white throat.	2-	.25
ROSY FUTURE, Clear bright rose.		.25
ROYAL SCOT, Easy growing rosy purple.		.35
ROYAL TREAT, Heavily ruffled deep blood red.		.35
RUFFLED EBONY, Beautifully ruffled satiny black red.		.75
SALMAN'S GOORY, Tall cream with white blotch.	2-	.25
SALMAN'S SENSATION, Tall medium violet blue.		.75
SALUTE, Fine husky scarlet red.	2-	.25
SANDMAN, Smoky old rose with white throat.	2-	.30
SHERWOOD, Lightly ruffled deep purple.	3-	.25
SILVER LUSTRE, Light blue-lavender, deeper lavender feather.		.20
SILVER WINGS, Large ruffled white with cream throat.	2-	.25
SNOW PRINCESS, One of the best all round whites.	2-	.25
SPIC AND SPAN, Deep ruffled pink. Many open.	2-	.25
SNOWDRIFT, New ruffled pure white.		1.00
SPOTLIGHT, Clear medium yellow with red spot.	2-	.25
STORM KING, Huge smoky rose with crimson blotch.	2-	.25
SUNDANCE, Ruffled medium yellow.		.20
SUNNY CHIP, Heavily ruffled orange-apricot.		2.00
SUNSPOT, Apricot-buff with rosy spot in throat.	3- .25	2- .25
TAN-Glo, Soft rosy light tan.		2.50
THE PEARL, Huge cream, lavender tinted.	2-	.25
THE RAJAH, Rich deep purple. One of the best.	2-	.35
THE ROAN, Light red finely peppered with white.	2-	.25
TIVOLI, Nice clear rose pink.	2-	.25
THUNDERBOLT, Heavily ruffled deep red.		.75
UHU, Unusual smoky. Everyone loves it.	2-	.25
UNCLE TOM, Tall black red. Very good.	2-	.25
VANGUARD, Tall white with conspicuous blotch.	2-	.35
VIOLET CHARM, Light violet with deep violet arrow on cream.		.60
VOODOO, Odd ruffled and fluted smoky.	2-	.25
WEDGWOOD, Dainty ruffled lavender and cream.	2-	.25
WHITE EXCELSIOR, New tall white. Perfect placement.		1.50
WHITE LACE, Ruffled white. Heavy substance.	2-	.30
WORLD BEATER, Early light yellow, red throat marking.	3- .25	
YELLOW BEAUTY, Early clear light yellow.	2-	.25
YELLOW HERALD, Lightly ruffled early yellow.	2-	.25
SKYMASTER, Large plain petaled blush pink.	3- .25	2- .25
NEW YORK, Tall very deep wine red.	2-	.25
NOWETA ROSE, Tall ruffled lavender rose.		.25

COLLECTIONS

Collections not prepaid. (See instructions for ordering)

- COLL. NO. 1, Our usual unlabeled collection. 100 assorted bulbs in a great variety of colors. Large size bulbs \$5.00 per 100.
- COLL. NO. 2, Same as above in medium size bulbs, \$3.00 per 100.
- COLL. NO. 3, Unlabeled dark varieties only, 100 large bulbs, \$7.50
50 large bulbs, 4.00
- COLL. NO. 4, 10 large bulbs each of 10 varieties of your own choice of the 2 for 25¢ varieties, \$10.00. Please give second choice as the demand for some varieties may exceed the supply. Generous overcount.

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